

NOTICE
CONCERNING
TE TŪĀPAPA O TE TIKA
PART #2 OF THE WAITANGI TRIBUNAL'S INQUIRY UNDER THE
TREATY OF WAITANGI ACT 1975 KNOWN AS
TE RAU O TE TIKA: THE JUSTICE SYSTEM INQUIRY (WAI 3060)

The next stage of the Justice System kaupapa inquiry is Te Tūāpapa o te Tika, when the Waitangi Tribunal seeks to extend its understandings of the foundational principles of tikanga and justice, and to develop its ideas on how best to run this inquiry in a way that is tika.

For this purpose, the Tribunal has commissioned Pou Tikanga who will attend the events in Te Tūāpapa o te Tika with the panel.

The Pou Tikanga are Rāhui Papa, Moe Milne, Ruth Smith and Paraone Gloyne. The members of the Waitangi Tribunal panel are Ruakere Hond, Hana O'Regan, Paul Hamer and Carrie Wainwright.

What will the events in Te Tūāpapa o te Tika focus on?

The events will take the form of wānanga, and will focus on two topics:

- (1) What are the foundational principles of justice in tikanga Māori? That is, how can we understand what is and what is not tika? How was wrongdoing traditionally defined, perceived and addressed? Can these understandings be applied to the justice system in Aotearoa today, and if so how?; and
- (2) What can tikanga Māori teach the Tribunal about how best to run this inquiry? The Waitangi Tribunal must conduct its processes consistently with the rules of natural justice. Its processes must be fair and must allow parties the opportunity to respond to arguments and evidence affecting their interests. Would a process that is tika look different from how the Tribunal conducts its inquiries now? How? What changes might be made?

When and where will the events take place?

The events for Te Tūāpapa o te Tika will take place at venues in different parts of Te Ika a Māui/the North Island on four Saturdays in May and June 2023:

Dates:	Time:	Venue:
6 May, 2023	10am to 5pm	Mātaatua marae, Whakatāne
13 May, 2023	10am to 5pm	Otiria marae, Moerewa
17 June, 2023	10am to 5pm	Raukawa marae, Otaki
24 June, 2023	10am to 5pm	Papakura marae, Tāmaki Makaurau

The hau kāinga will pōwhiri manuhiri at **9am** on the day of each wānanga.

Whānau whaikaha should note that the Tribunal will implement accessibility protocols at the venue for the event on 24 June 2023. All events will be available on livestream with live captioning and New Zealand Sign Language interpretation.

The events will focus only on matters of tikanga

Te Tūāpapa o te Tika events are **NOT** the time when this Tribunal focuses on claims and evidence concerning how the justice system works now. That will happen in the next phase of the inquiry. At the hui for Te Tūāpapa o te Tika participants will be asked to participate in kōrero about the topics set out above at a conceptual and philosophical level drawing on their knowledge of tikanga Māori.

Who may attend?

Participation is not limited to claimants. If you know about tikanga Māori and you wish to help the Tribunal explore the topics outlined above, you are welcome to attend and share your insights.

No findings and recommendations

Te Tūāpapa o te Tika is about tikanga Māori and involves no claims or allegations against the Crown. The Tribunal will therefore not issue a report with findings and recommendations. However, after all the hui have taken place it is envisaged that the Pou Tikanga will produce a paper on their learnings from the hui, and their advice about this inquiry.

Funding available to pay costs

Following this Tribunal's Whakatika ki Runga report on claimant funding in February this year, the Crown revised its funding policies. It has informed the Tribunal that, for claimants in Te Tūāpapa o te Tika, it will make funding available for up to three people from a claimant group, and up to three support people. There is scope for funding for travel and accommodation to support pūkenga to attend as part of a claimant group. The Crown encourages claimant groups to contact the Ministry of Justice to discuss what funding is possible.

Contact details for this purpose are:

Direct phone number 027 361 2236;

Free-to-call number 0800 262 121;

Email claimantfunding@justice.govt.nz.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND AN EVENT IN TE TŪĀPAPA O TE TIKĀ PLEASE INFORM US

Before the event you want to attend, please email the Registrar of the Waitangi Tribunal at WT.Registrar@justice.govt.nz to tell him the name of your group and how many will be there. If you require further information about the hui, you may email him about that too, or alternatively you may write to or otherwise contact him at Waitangi Tribunal DX SX 11237, WELLINGTON, phone (04) 914 3000 or fax (04) 914 3001.

Dated at Wellington on 28 Āperira 2023

Heaven-Leigh Teofilo for the Registrar
WAITANGI TRIBUNAL